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February 25, 2013

Honorable Janice K. Brewer
Governor
State of Arizona
1700 W. Washington
Phoenix, AZ 85007

Dear Governor Brewer,

On behalf of the members of Greater Phoenix Leadership (GPL), we agree with you that expansion of Medicaid is the right thing to do to address Arizona's uninsured population. GPL also agrees that there is a need to address uncompensated care costs that if not addressed will impact the cost and quality of care in Arizona.

We support your proposal and the reasoning behind it. While we understand that the details are still a work in progress, GPL supports a providers' assessment to fill the gap. The City of Phoenix Access to Care Assessment that includes exemptions for hospitals disproportionately impacted due to their unique payer mix and patient demographics should be used as a model.

Thank you, Governor, for your leadership on this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Thomas Franz".

Thomas R. Franz
President and CEO
Greater Phoenix Leadership